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## Wisconsin Ballot Access Requirements for President and Vice President of the United States

### **GENERAL ELECTION - November 8, 2016**

The names of candidates for President and Vice President are placed on the General Election ballot in Wisconsin by one of the following methods:

***Political organizations that have attained ballot status*** are currently the Republican, Democratic, Constitution, Libertarian and Wisconsin Green parties. The names of candidates for President and Vice President for these parties are placed on the General Election ballot when their names are certified by the state or national chairperson to the Wisconsin Elections Commission **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016**. Wis. Stat. § 8.16(7). Each certified candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162) with the Wisconsin Elections Commission **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016**. Wis. Stat. § 8.21(1).

***Independent Candidates for President and Vice President*** circulate and file nomination papers (EL-167). The **first day for circulating nomination papers is July 1, 2016**, and the **deadline for filing with the Wisconsin Elections Commission is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016**. Wis. Stat. § 8.20(8)(am). The nomination papers must contain at least 2,000 and no more than 4,000 signatures of Wisconsin electors. In addition to filing nomination papers, an independent candidate is required to file a Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162) with the Wisconsin Elections Commission **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016**. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.20(8)(am), 8.21. Independent candidates appear on the November General Election ballot only.

Links to the forms mentioned above appear below. The forms are also included with this memo. If you have further questions, contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984, or call 608-261-2028. <http://gab.wi.gov>. Email: [gabhelpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhelpdesk@wi.gov)

References: [ELIS-15 - Wisconsin Ballot Access Requirements for President and Vice President of the United States](#)  
[EL-162 - Declaration of Candidacy](#)  
[EL-167 - Nomination Paper for \*\*Independent\*\* Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates](#)